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A limited supply of tickets will be available at the door of the school that evening or you may call Mrs. James Moran, 758-2018, or Mrs. Jimmie Price, 758-6475, to reserve your tickets.

Grange

Mattapoisett Subordinate Grange held its bi-monthly meeting last Thursday night. Honored guests were Mrs. Edna Hanford, a member of the State Home and Community Service committee, Robert Ouellette, master of Sippican Pomona, and Roland Morris, master of Fairhaven Grange.



Mr. and Mrs. Giles Dunn and the worthy Junior master, Mark Breton, were elected to membership subject to initiation.

An invitation was accepted from the Mattapoisett Woman's Club to a Seminar on Crime they are sponsoring on February 27th. It was noted that a combined meeting of

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the Subordinate and Junior Granges will be held Friday night, February 28th, at 7:30 in the Grange Hall.

Mrs. Mary Costa, sunshine chairman for February, announced cards had been sent to Mrs. Renahan, Mrs. Carol Field and Edward Alves, Jr., a patient at Tobey Hospital.

The worthy lecturer, Mrs. Ruby Barber, presented a patriotic program.

A poem on Washington and Lincoln was given by Mrs. Gladys Pearson. "America" was read by Mrs. Olive Gifford and pantomimed in costume by Lecturer Barber. She then presented Mr. John Raphael of the American Legion who spoke on Lincoln and shared excerpts from Legion literature.

The program closed with the singing of "God Bless America", with Mrs. Helen Hathaway at the piano.

Refreshments of cakes and coffee were served by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kellish as hosts.

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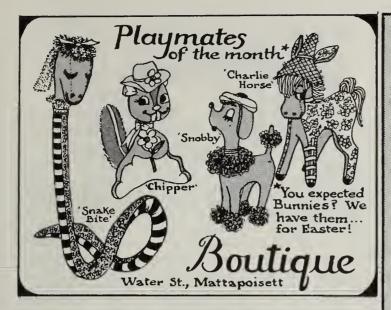
Mattapoisett Selectmen denied the request of John Souza for the annual wine and malt license at the Village Delicatessen on Route 6. The Selectmen felt that there is no need for another liquor license.

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Twelve area high schools will compete in the tournament. Judges for the contest are Mrs. Marjorie Flood, Miss Vivian Cunha, Mrs. Marland, Mr. David Lizotte and Mr. Frank Almeida, Old Rochester athletic directtor. Trophies will be presented to the winners. The Old Rochester Senior Class and the cheerleading squads invite one and all to attend this exciting tournament. Refreshments will be served.





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Marion Play This Week

The Marion Art Center conducted a Drama Workshop last fall, directed by Mr. Bruce Cobbold. From this group emerged the present production of Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", to be presented at the Art Center on Thursday, February 27th, Friday, February 28th, and Saturday, March 1st, at 8:30 P.M. The cast includes Ted Babbit, Gail Swain, Tim Walsh and Connie Kennedy.

The intimate theater at the Marion Art Center will be decorated with prints from the Swain School in New Bedford. These student prints will be for sale. Refreshments are available at the bar. In order to assure



ALBEE PLAY AT ART CENTER

Gail Swain and Ted Babbit fire broadsides in this "Virginia Woolf" engagement as Connie Kennedy stands by. The Albee play will be presented at the Marion Art Center Theater this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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The Brockton Art Center was built with funds left by the late Myron Fuller of Brockton, and had its grand opening last month.

The Center has no permanent collections of its own as yet, but is showing "Three Centuries of New England Art", an exhibit

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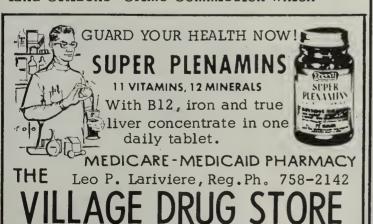
Speakers Scheduled

CRIME SEMINAR FEBRUARY 27th

Plans have been completed for Thursday's Seminar on Crime, sponsored by the Matta-poisett Woman's Club and to be held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church parish hall from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Two of the men who are scheduled to speak are Assistant Attorney General George V. Higgins and Mr. John J. Buckley.

Mr. Buckley is state director of the newly organized Massachusetts Council on Crime and Correction, and brings experience in politics, government, private business and citizen mobilization against crime to his post with the new council. He was executive director of the 10 year old New England Citizens' Crime Commission which



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merged last year with the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Delinquency to form the new private citizens' group. Mr. Buckley served as chief aide to Eliot L. Richardson, former Senator Saltonstall's special assistant, and was deputy chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee. He is urging citizens of Massachusetts to participate in the programs of the new council to increase the effectiveness of police work, the enforcement of justice, the fight against juvenile delinguency and the administration of the correctional system.

Attorney General Higgins is a prosecutor in the Organized Crime Section of the Massachusetts Department of the Attorney General. He has presented evidence to grand juries in four of the Commonwealth's Counties, his longest assignment being with the first special grand jury impanelled in Fall River last year. At one time, he served as a reporter for the Providence Journal and the Associated Press prior to his legal work. His articles include publications in the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science, and with Charles H. Rogovin, he co-authored "Organized Crime in Massachusetts" for the 1968 Tufts Assembly on Massachusetts government.

Speakers in addition to Mr. Higgins and

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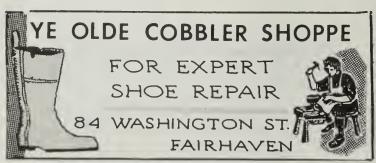
Mr. Buckley will be Attorney Francis W. Keating, former member of the Bristol County district attorney's office, and Attorney Harry J. Schmitt, Jr., the first regional town council in the state of Massachusetts, representing Mattapoisett, Marion and Wareham.

Notice to Parents

SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM

The clergy of the area churches are joining with some of the doctors and teachers in presenting the second annual "sex education program". This year, due to the number of enrollments expected, the program will be divided into a Junior and Senior series with duplicate programs taking place at Wareham High School and Old Rochester Regional High School, involving students from Wareham, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

IN ORDER FOR A STUDENT TO ATTEND he must have the written permission of his parents on the registration blank and AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND THE "PARENTS' PREVIEW" to be held on Sunday, March 2nd, at the Wareham Town Hall at 5:00 P.M. Required parental attendance at this first meeting is especially important in order to provide a common base of discussion in the home. Parents should bring their child's admission card to the program so that it may be verified -- or you may en-



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"Oliver!" Enthusiasm Mounts

While most area students were enjoying a week of leisure during their annual February vacation, it was off to school each morning as usual for the large cast of "Oliver!" at Old Rochester Regional. The auditorium wing was a beehive of activity every morning, as various segments of the cast rehearsed their individual assignments under the gifted guidance of their adult directors.

This casual visitor, stopping by to survey the scene, was astonished at the scope of activity. In the music room, Music Director Anthony Rego was intently conducting his carefully selected and very excellent student musicians through the lilting orchestral score. They sounded great.

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On stage in the auditorium, we found Mr. Llewellyn Roberts most capably demonstrating an important dramatic sequence to an attentive group of teenage thespians. Sitting at the piano was Mrs. Thelma Ostenfeld, whose musical devotion is a constant inspiration to area youth.

Noticing noises emanating from the corridor, this reporter investigated and discovered still another practice group. There was the delightfully animated choreographer, Nancylee Gaucher, and there were the mem-

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bers of the chorus, avidly following Mrs. Gaucher as she blocked out the intricate movements of the musical's opening number.

If Total Involvement is truly the order of today, then the living epitome is there to be observed during rehearsals of "Oliver!".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR TAXES

First of all in regard to the school system - costs which jump each year will continue to leap - more schools, smaller classes - new teaching concepts - higher salaries - it is inevitably an open end proposition - the citizens have no realistic control over school costs. So the State should take over all of the school system costs. Eventually the Federal government will have to contribute more and more. Also, the Federal Government should take over all welfare. They are setting more and more of

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the standards and financial policies. In setting standard scales of payments it would perhaps save the cities from being overwhelmed with rural people rushing in for vastly higher welfare allotments.

Then the State could possibly again use most of the sales tax to help local governments to cut the property tax. On account of the welfare angles the State will be returning far less of the sales tax this year to reduce local taxes.

In the not too distant future the town will probably have to put in a sewer system.

As far as wishful thinking about future industry coming in and being of use in meeting expenses of the town - even New Bedford with all its industries and Industrial Park isn't sitting too pretty and is, or was at last report, playing with the idea of a payroll tax.

So it seems the only thing to do is to recognize the facts and hunt for channels and ways to take intelligent action before we get totally clobbered and completely swamped into financial oblivion.

Let's reach a living end and not a real dead end.

Henry B. Dunseith.

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"HISTORY OF FORT PHOENIX" by Donald R. Bernard Part XV

The War of 1812 had little significance to Bedford Harbor and the surrounding area. It consisted mostly of a naval blockade of this natural harbor. However, one incident worth mentioning was the fact that on August 6, 1812, a merchant brigantine, the "Wasp", out of this harbor, was overtaken and finally captured by the British. Captured along with the "Wasp", in the month following the out-break, were eight other vessels of sail with a total cargo valuation set at \$218. 000. The ships that had been captured by



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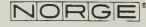
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the crown were the "Sally", "Trenton", "Castor", "Arab", "Science", "Homestus", "Caroline" and the schooner, "Three Friends". But, as was the case in the war of 1778 terror was the watchword to all coastal towns and hamlets. Bedford Harbor, with its surrounding towns, was one of the select few that were not directly and openly attacked.



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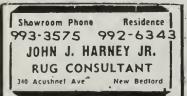
The credit for sparing Bedford was due to the fact that "Fort Phoenix" was ready, willing and able to engage the enemy and thwart any attempt in establishing a beachhead for the purpose of landing assault troops within range of her formidable guns.

On Saturday, September 25, 1813, the New Bedford Mercury, Marine Section, denotes the following: "Arrived - Cartel Russian Ship 'Hoffming Harms', 47 days from Plymouth, England, with 402 prisoners."









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These prisoners consisted mostly of American sailors who were ordered to fight for the crown in the Napoleonic wars. During that period thousands served England against France, but, when war was declared against their own country, the United States, these same sailors openly refused to bear arms against their own country and were promptly imprisoned at "Dartmoor", England. This dreaded prison was just seventeen miles from Plymouth, near the highest mountain range in England. Many of these prisoners were men from New Bedford and Fairhaven, many of whom were never to see their beloved young country again.

A newspaper, in the month of April in the year 1814, showed that three British warships were discovered cruising the Vineyard Sound. This led the local military officials to believe that an attack on Bedford was imminent. The three ships were H.M.S. "Victorious", H.M.S. "Endymion" and H.M.S. "Peacock". As the foreign raiders cruised the local waters, New Bedford and Fairhaven were busy preparing for an attack. The garrison at the fort was alerted and was quickly in combat readiness. All vessels of sail along with smaller craft were hastily moved up river to a place of safe anchorage. On April 20th the three would-be attackers



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Monday evening, February 21, 1815, at about 11 o'clock, Alexander Townsen of Boston rode into Bedford Village with the happy news of peace. Throughout the evening church bells were sounded and the cannon at Fort Phoenix spoke with approval with her thunderous guns, at this joyous news. The inhabitants of the area demonstrated their feeling with gala dancing and singing, showing their expression of thankfulness.

Notices such as the following have been noted in the Bristol Gazette of July 31, 1812: "Notice - the inhabitants of the southerly part of Fairhaven are requested to meet at the academy, in Fairhaven Village, on Saturday, the eighth of August next, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of forming volunteer companies to repel invasion, and to support the laws of the country". The next notice we find was on the date September 11, 1812 in the Gazette. "The company of volunteers,



under my command, are hereby notified to appear in front of the Fairhaven Academy tomorrow at 3 o'clock P.M. completely armed and equipped for actual service. Per order: J. Gleason, Jun., Captain."

The Mercury also shows that on June 24, 1814, under the heading "Protection" - "We are informed that application was made a few days since by the commander of the garrison at Fairhaven to Major General Dearborn for a sufficient number of United States soldiers to man the garrison. General Dear-



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Once again the newspaper of July 28, 1814 headlined the following: "Recruiting - Rendezvous. Captain Peleg Barker of the Corps of 'Sea Fencibles' to be raised for the defense of the New Bedford, informs the public that he invites all true friends of the country to enlist. The term of service, one year; to pay and rations, the same as in the United States Navy, to be paid monthly."



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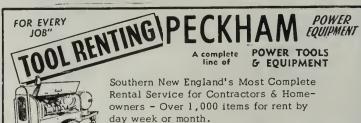
Fort Phoenix was Captain Jeduthan Taber, who died at the age of 84 at Ithaca, New York on August 10, 1855.

Following the War of 1812, the fort was again relieved of the garrison and the reservation was put in charge of Charles Hathaway, overseer. Once again we note from the old newspaper on the date July 17, 1816, the following: "Five dollars reward to any person who will give information to the subscriber of the name of the person or persons who made a fire near the flagstaff of the United States Fort in Fairhaven, shall be entitled to the above reward by proving the same." Signed, Charles Hathaway, overseer of the fort. Also in the same paper: "Take notice, all persons are hereby forbid going within the limits of the United States Fort at Fairhaven without permission of the overseer of said fort. And any person or persons found within the palisade or ramparts of said fort, will be prosecuted, and two dollars reward is offered to any person who will give information and proof of trespass." Signed, Charles Hathaway, overseer of the fort.

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The Allen Class of the Unitarian Memorial Church of Fairhaven will have a rummage sale in the Fairhaven Town Hall Saturday, March 1st, from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Any



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members having rummage are to contact members of the ways and means committee.

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STUDY OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Alfred E. Faria, Acting Chief of Police of Mattapoisett, and William F. MacLean, chairman of the Traffic Commission, announce the completion of a two-month study of Traffic Accidents which have occurred in Mattapoisett over the past three years, 1966, 1967 and 1968.

The purpose of this study is to provide facts and information which will be used as the basis of a Traffic Safety Program. The increase in total accidents of all kinds, especially those involving personal injury, should be of concern to all our citizens. The Selectmen and those other officials involved with Traffic Safety are concerned, and are determined to take the

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necessary steps to reduce the Traffic Accident Rate.

The basic steps involved in a program of this nature are known as the "Three E's: Education, Enforcement and Engineering". Steps are already underway to implement this program.

Statistics and accident facts are a vital first step. Two months of effort have gone into the collection of this information and charts and presentation slides are now in preparation. Schools, Churches and other civic groups will be contacted for their assistance in the presentation of these facts.

Chief Faria states that the results of the study will be used as a guide for the es-

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tablishment of a concentrated Traffic Enforcement program. The study points out specific times and locations within Mattapoisett at which accidents occur most frequently and residents as well as non-residents are forewarned that Enforcement will be on the increase.

As a result of the study, states Traffic Commission chairman, William MacLean, certain engineering changes will be studied and recommended to the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for their action. These changes will be slow in coming, however, and it is hoped that the Education and Enforcement Programs will provide more immediate results.

In 1967, the Route 195 section was completed as far as Fairhaven. The result was to dump thousands of cars onto Route 6 from Fairhaven to Wareham, which normally would have taken a more northerly route to and from the Cape. This tremendous increase (especially during the summer months) was the contributing factor in an increase of 8% in traffic accidents between 1966 and the level established in 1967 and 1968. There were 94 accidents in 1966, and 116 in each of the years of 1967 and 1968.

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In 1968, 70 of 116 accidents (60.5%) occurred on the 4.4 mile stretch of Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The study has pointed

out the ten worst locations within the town. Eighteen accidents (15.5%) occurred on Route 6 between the Main Street and North Street intersections, the worst being at Main Street and Route 6. Twenty-three accidents (19.8%) occurred on Route 6 between River Road and the Fairhaven-Mattapoisett Town Line. Nine accidents (7.8%) occurred on Route 6 between Prospect Road and Martin Avenue.

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